

cells about equal and more or less ovate, tapering to opposite ends of spore with slight external constriction between them, apex bluntly pointed by thickened epispore or rounded; largest 33-43m. x 15-20m.; pedicels hyaline, long, about 6m. in thickness.

On leaves of *Coprosma Billardieri*, F. v. M., Kew, October; Dandenong, February.

In the later gathered specimens, from Dandenong, the cells of the teleutospores are empty, and the sori and surrounding tissues of the leaf pervaded by coarse dark-coloured promycelial filaments, partially septate, and bearing sporidia.

(To be continued.)

NOTES.

ORCHID—*PTEROSTYLIS CUCULLATA*.—At the September meeting of the Club a freshly collected specimen of a *Pterostylis* from the Dandenong Ranges was exhibited by Mr. C. French, jun., which I regard as a form of *Pterostylis cucullata*, R. Br. The specimen had a very elongated stem, the lower portion leafless except bearing two minute rudimentary leaves, while within the embracing floral bract a very short and narrow accessory bract was contained, in the manner of that occurring in *Caladenia Menziesii* and *C. Nortoni*. Many years ago Mr. C. French, F.L.S., found *P. cucullata* at Cheltenham in peaty Melaleuca scrub drawn up to five feet high, so that *P. Babbistii*, Fitzgerald (Hooker's Bot. Mag., 6,351) should probably be regarded as a gigantic form of *P. cucullata*.—F. VON MUELLER.

BIRDS OF BOX HILL DISTRICT.—Some brief notes as to the arrival of nomadic birds, and the nesting dates of others, at Box Hill this season, may be of interest to members for comparison with their own observations. The earliest young flying birds observed were the Mountain Thrush, *Geocichla lunulata*, on the 26th of August, and the *Ephthianura albifrons* on the 28th; a fully fledged specimen of the latter I obtained by accidentally placing my foot on it while in search of the nest. The young of the White-backed Crow Shrike (Magpie), *Gymnorhina leuconota*, were seen flying last week, and a nest of the Yellow-rumped Geobasileus, *G. chryssorrhœa*, containing two young partly fledged, on the 31st of August. Many nests of Yellow-breasted Robins, *Eopsaltria australis*, one having two young, were noted on 8th September, and a nest of the Scarlet-breasted Robin, *Petroica Leggii*, was obtained at the close of August. On Saturday last (8th September) I was fortunate in securing a male Rose-breasted Robin, *Erythrodryas rosea*. On 18th August both Pallid and Bronze Cuckoos were visible to residents; on the crown of the former I was surprised to notice a group of white feathers, the reason for which some of our members may